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## Former President Of US Makes Isolationist Speech

New York, Dec. 20.

Former president Herbert Hoover said last night that the United States has lost the war in Korea, and warned that an attempt to defend disunited Europe would mean "inviting another Korea."

### US Civil Defence Plan Approved

Washington, Dec. 20. The House of Representatives today approved a master plan for civil defence designed to prepare America to deal with the dangers and problems of atomic attack. The plan goes next to the Senate.

The legislation would establish a Federal civil defence administration to direct a preparedness programme expected to cost \$100,000,000 over a three-year period.

During debate in the House references were made to the possibility of Russia bombing American industrial cities in the event of war.—Reuter.

Mr Hoover said the first duty of the United States is to save itself. "We shall not fail in this," he said, "even if we have to stand alone."

The ex-President said: "Before we land another man or dollar on their shores, the United States should wait to see if the nations of Europe can marshal enough strength to defend themselves. 'Otherwise we shall be inviting another Korea,' he said in a nation-wide radio speech.

The war in Korea was already lost because "even if we could sacrifice more American boys to maintain a foothold on the peninsula, we know we shall not succeed at the present time in the mission given to us by 50 members of the United Nations."

He proposed that the United States make its own shores secure. China, India or Eastern Europe would become "graveyards of millions of American boys if the United States attempted to fight Communist armies there."

### BOMB NOT DOMINANT

"We Americans should use sea and air power to control the Atlantic and Pacific oceans so as to prevent an invasion of the Western hemisphere by Communist armies. They can no more reach Washington in force than we can reach Moscow. The atomic bomb is a far less dominant weapon than it was once thought to be." He did not elaborate on the reference to the bomb.

Mr Hoover said that even without Europe, Americans need have no cause for hysteria about the future, or security if the nation follows his suggestions and arms its air and naval forces to the teeth.

TEST FOR EUROPE  
Mr Hoover added: "We can continue to aid the hungry of the world. Out of our productivity we can give arms to other nations when they have already displayed spirit and strength in defence against Communism."

Western Europe must defend itself. The test is whether they have the spiritual force and will and acceptance of unity among them by their own volition.

The United States had tried with unparalleled effort and sacrifice to achieve European unity, but so far had failed.

"Western Europe, to warrant further aid, must express itself in organized and equipped combat divisions of such huge numbers as will hold erect a stake against the Red flood."—United Press.

# EISENHOWER'S POWERS Final Say In European Defence Merger

## Equal Treatment For German Army

Brussels, Dec. 20.

General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of West European defence, will have the final say on the merging of Western Union and the new Atlantic Pact Organisation, decided on today by the Brussels Treaty Powers.

At the 10th Consultative conference today the five Foreign Ministers of the Brussels group decided that this was a logical consequence of the action taken yesterday by the 12 North Atlantic Treaty Powers.

The five Foreign Ministers—of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—in a formal statement after their talks, had announced that the Western Union Defence Organisation was to be reorganised.

A spokesman said that "the Western Union General Staff" would not go on as it was now, but there must be individual commands for each region.

"The Germans will be treated on a footing of equality as far as possible—that is the attitude of the Ministers," he said. Asked what region Germany would be linked with in the new Atlantic Command, the spokesman said that this had not been raised "but I should not think there would be much doubt about it."

The Ministers had insisted that the defence clauses of the Brussels Treaty signed in March 1948 would not be changed, he added, backing up the Ministers' statement that reorganisation would "in no way affect the obligations which the five countries have undertaken in virtue of the Brussels Treaty."

General Eisenhower has already started to build up an international General Staff to assist him in the defence of Western Europe, quarters close to the Atlantic Organisation said.

Telephone calls and cables are pouring out of General Eisenhower's office, keeping him in touch with the military men he has picked as his subordinate commanders, said the same spokesman.

Once he has found the men he wants the nominations will go to member governments for their approval. General Eisenhower will have a free hand to pick the best men for the job, irrespective of nationality, said a North Atlantic spokesman.

TEDDER TIPPED  
Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder, is most strongly tipped as second-in-command to General Eisenhower. During World War II a most effective professional partnership developed between General Eisenhower, as Supreme Commander, and Lord Tedder, his Deputy.—Reuter.

The three Western High Commissioners in Germany

have been given a free hand in their negotiations with the Bonn Government on West German participation in the Atlantic Army, according to usually reliable quarters.

It is still an open question how far the Atlantic Powers' gesture of proposing to permit German tactical air support will convince West Germany that its military service in the Atlantic Army will not be of an inferior grade.—Reuter.

CALL FOR UNITY  
Denver, Colorado, Dec. 20.

General Eisenhower said on Wednesday it is time to stop playing party politics with the international situation, and called on all Americans to unite in the present emergency.

The General believed "150,000,000 united Americans are so strong, they can do anything in the world."

The General said that the responsibility of any nation which undertakes global warfare must not be minimised. Without mentioning any country by name, he said in answer to a question: "If they are choosing a global war they are not showing the wisdom they have shown in the past. I see no reason for the United States to act in an atmosphere of hysterical fear," he stated.

"It is silly to be too frightened or indeed, too belittled. A calm, determined America can get this job done."—United Press and Reuter.

MOSCOW REACTION  
London, Dec. 20.

Moscow Radio's political observer said today that "the West European Governments had embarked on a direct violation of the Potsdam decision."

The Soviet Government, he said, commenting on the Brussels meeting, "has constantly stressed that any policy renouncing the Potsdam decisions is fraught with the most serious and dangerous consequences."

The responsibility for which would lie squarely on the Governments of the Western Powers."—Reuter.

## Pope's Broadcast At Christmas

Vatican City, Dec. 20.

The Pope will broadcast his Christmas message to the world at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Vatican Radio will transmit the address on short-wave in conjunction with the Italian and Spanish networks and the Swiss radio station of Mont Ceneri.—Reuter.

## Hungnam Heights Retaken

Hungnam Beachhead, Dec. 20.

North Korean shock troops drove American troops off a hill overlooking Hungnam early on Tuesday. The Americans counter-attacked within an hour and retook the hill from the small but hard-charging North Korean force.

A Marine officer said an artillery barrage was being laid down on the plains and hills surrounding Hungnam. The never-lifting wall of flying steel may have been a reason that the Communists have not thrown a serious attack against the beachhead since last Friday morning.

The Reds hit hard at only one position in the north-east on Tuesday night, mauling a platoon of the Third Division but failing to crack through ridge-line positions.

Carrier-based planes flew 154 sorties against the Reds massed outside the beachhead, killing an estimated 700 Reds. Seventy-four missions were close support flights.

ATTACK EXPECTED  
As the siege dragged into the second week, the Americans were still waiting for another major attack.

It is known that re-equipped North Korean troops have joined the Chinese forces near Hamhung, although not more than four divisions were believed to be within striking distance of the American lines.

So far, the United States troops have not been pushed, a single position permanently abandoned occupied by Chinese and North Koreans abandoned voluntarily by United Nations forces in withdrawal into the lighter perimeter.—United Press.

## Trafficking Charge

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The Public Prosecutor in Yokohama today indicted two men on charges of selling 35 young girls to entertainment houses in the course of the past two years, according to the news paper, Tokyo Shimbun, today. The men, both past 50 years old, were alleged to have received between 1,000 to 5,000 yen (£1 to £5) for each girl they introduced.—Reuter.

## British Officers Stop South Korea Execution

With the British troops in Korea, Dec. 20.

Two British officers today halted the execution of about 40 prisoners by South Korean military police.

The officers, who were acting under the order of the Commander of the British 29th Brigade, saved 17 from shooting. The execution was being carried out a few hundred yards from the Brigade Headquarters.

Brigadier Thomas Brodie said tonight: "I am not going to have people executed on my doorstep. My officers will stop executions in my area within view of my troops."

The two officers, who did not wish their names to be disclosed at this stage, said tonight that they saw two open motor lorries being driven through their area at about 5.30 p.m.

The lorries were crowded with prisoners cowering with their heads bent. About five Korean military police were in each vehicle.

The officers hurried to their Brigade Headquarters and returned with an interpreter. One of the officers tonight said: "We saw nine of the prisoners being marched towards a long wide trench. We halted them and told the interpreter to tell the Korean officer in charge to stop the killing."

WOMAN SURVIVOR  
"In the trench were about 23 dead and dying."

"Through the interpreter, I told the Korean officer to ensure that all were dead before filling in the grave and to get to hell out of here."

The Korean officer was a second lieutenant of the military police. He did not seem at all pleased but did as he was told and took the survivors back to Seoul Prison.

One of the survivors was a woman. We guessed her age to be about 18 but the Korean interpreter said that she was 21.

Reuter.

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# Britain May Be Forced To Increase Rearmament

## Canadian Force For Britain?

Ottawa, Dec. 20. Canadians would not be surprised if the Dominion's special army force, 10,000 strong, and three R.C.A.F. fighter squadrons were on guard in Britain and on the Continent next year, the Canadian Press said today. —Reuter.

## FRONTIER POSTS ON THE ALERT

Teheran, Dec. 20.

All gala celebrations and parties, except the reception prepared for the wedding of the Shah of Persia next week, have been cancelled in view of the international situation, a Government spokesman stated today.

The Prime Minister said that frontier posts had been alerted. Although Persia did not wish to take part in any war, she would defend her frontiers if attacked.

The world was nearer war than ever, he said, and he appealed for unity.

The Shah, Mohammed-Reza Pahlavi, is to marry Miss Soraya Esfandiari, daughter of a Persian dignitary and a German mother, on Dec. 27. But the wedding may have to be postponed.

The bride-to-be, who has just recovered from a typhoid attack, was said to be ill again today with a high temperature.

The Shah has ordered all funds for wedding gifts from the Persian people to be deposited in a special account opened in the Persian National Bank. —Reuter.

## Big Three Reply To Russia

Brussels, Dec. 20.

The "Big Three" reply to the Russian proposal for a four-Power conference on Germany will be handed in at the Soviet Foreign Office on Friday, usually reliable sources said here today.

It will take the form of identical notes delivered by the British, French and American embassies in Moscow.

Diplomatic sources here understood that they do not fully turn down the Russian suggestion, but propose a meeting of the Foreign Ministers' deputies first to work out an agenda.

There was no question of the Western Powers being willing to discuss only the demilitarisation of Germany. —Reuter.

## Sarah Churchill On Television

New York, Dec. 20.

Sarah Churchill, actress daughter of Mr. Winston Churchill, made her colour television debut today when she gave a portion of the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet". It was also Shakespeare's first colour television appearance.

The special programme was to demonstrate Columbia Broadcasting System's colour television, which is seen in New York and relayed to Philadelphia by coaxial cable. —United Press.

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London, Dec. 20.  
Britain will soon have to consider increasing her rearmament programme beyond the £3,600 million provisionally allocated for the next three years, an authoritative source said here today.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was expected to bring back plans for an accelerated defence effort from the Atlantic Council conference in Brussels.

A further increase would probably involve the direction of labour and other controls which have been lifted in Britain since 1945.

Among the controls which would be imposed would be price control and there would probably be closer supervision over the allocation of raw materials (already controlled to a large extent here). The Cabinet will probably meet during the Christmas week to discuss boosting the rearmament drive.

It was pointed out that the proposed £3,600 million ex-

## Must Be Case Of "Pay As We Go"

London, Dec. 20.

Britain's rearmament policy must be one of "pay as we go," Mr. Hugh Galskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared here tonight.

"We have got to rearm and rearm swiftly," he told the Institute of Exporters at its Christmas dinner.

"But it must not throw away our recovery nor sacrifice the economic independence which we have just regained. Nor must we, by cutting down too far the supply of new equipment for industry, weaken the foundation of our future industrial progress."

In tackling the economic problems of defence, therefore, our policy must be as far as we can, to pay as we go. Whatever steps are practicable and feasible to achieving this end the Government must and will take. —Reuter.

penditure on arms was never intended to be a fixed limit. Indications were that it would be "markedly increased," the source said.

At present Britain's arms drive was in a preliminary stage and it might not be possible immediately to spend very much more than originally planned.

An increase in the overall figure would mean that further preparations were being made for greater production later on. The Government are fully aware of the hardships which will be imposed on the country by the imposing of the controls to speed up the rearmament drive.

The Government, however, are determined to give General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, every possible assistance in building up the Atlantic Pact forces.

There is a strong feeling in Government circles here that now that Britain has apparently emerged from her major economic difficulties she should play a more leading role in world affairs.

This would involve putting her point of view more strongly in policy-making conferences and backing up decisions of those conferences with all the means in her power. —Reuter.

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## DEFENCE OF THE AMERICAS

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Organisation of the American States Council today agreed to convene a meeting in Washington of American Foreign Ministers to consult on hemispheric defence against the threat of Communist aggression. The Council acted at the request of the United States. It agreed to appoint a committee to fix the exact date of the meeting, but Ambassadors on the Council in their discussions generally agreed it should be held during the last half of February.

The committee will also determine in consultations with American Governments the agenda, and will draft the regulations of the meeting.

The agenda is expected to include political, military and economic matters relating to the internal security of American countries and their protection against any attacks from abroad. —United Press.

## Alaska Blackout

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Air Force said on Wednesday the "blackout" precautions in Alaska were ordered by the local theatre commander and do not apply to other theatres.

Alaska is an Air Force command. A spokesman added, however, that military training in Alaska was "pretty realistic." —United Press.



Army life suits the Horlock family down to the ground. Sergeant Elsie Horlock (above) of the WRAC Training Establishment at Hindhead has been "in" for 10 years and loved every minute of it. Her father, sister and eight brothers have all served in the Army and four and four brothers are still serving. Here Sergeant Elsie stirs a Christmas pudding.

## America To Speed Iranian Aid Plan

Washington, Dec. 20.

United States Ambassador to Iran Henry Grady conferred with President Truman on Wednesday and afterwards said the President will personally direct a speed-up in United States economic and military assistance for Iran.

Mr. Grady said this help would be in the form of a \$25,000,000 loan from the Export and Import Bank and some military aid under the general foreign assistance bill. The amount of the latter was not a public figure, but last year amounted to \$12,000,000.

Mr. Grady said action on both these projects had been rather slow, and the main purpose of his trip to Washington was to speed up activity.

He would return on Thursday to his post, satisfied that he had obtained assurances on this point.

He added, economic assistance for Iran is being negotiated with the International Bank and he was hopeful of some action from the Bank.

He pointed out this is not an agency of the United States Government and that therefore Washington officials alone could not decide what the Bank will do. Other assistance was being granted under the "Point Four" programme. This form of aid is farthest along in Iran than in any other country.

The Ambassador discounted recent reports of a pro-Soviet swing in Iran, saying while there might be a current swing of the pendulum in that direction, the people of Iran, from the Shah down, are basically friendly to the West.

He said: "Of course, they have opposition, but the people of the country as a whole are definitely sympathetic with the Western democratic countries." The fact that Iran borders on Russia makes it necessary to adopt a policy of neutrality and more or less friendliness, but this does not mean enmity for democratic countries.

Any recent tendency toward friendly relations with the Soviet Union might be due to the Moscow Government taking a more conciliatory attitude toward Iran recently. He cited the trade pact by which Russia undertook to buy some surplus agricultural products from southern Iran, and also set up a boundary commission to deal

with some points where the Soviet Union bulges into Iran.

The Ambassador expected the formal signing of the \$25,000,000 Export and Import Bank credit for Iran within a few days. He expects to be back in Teheran on Dec. 23, flying by way of the Netherlands. —United Press.

## DEATH OF MALTESE PREMIER

Valletta, Malta, Dec. 20.

An emergency meeting of the Maltese Cabinet was called today after the death of the 66-year-old Prime Minister, Dr. Enrico Mizzi.

Later Dr. George Oliver, a Cabinet Minister, called on the Governor, Sir Gerald Creary, and it was considered likely that he would succeed Dr. Mizzi. Dr. Oliver is Minister of Works, Reconstruction and Education.

Crowds of people, including members of the Legislative Assembly, paid their last respects today to the Prime Minister, whose body lay in state.

Dr. Mizzi, who died early this morning, had been working in bed until last night. —Reuter.

## US Ships In Naples

Naples, Dec. 20.

The United States cruiser Newport News, with seven destroyers, two minelayers and two submarines of the Mediterranean Fleet arrived here today to spend Christmas and the New Year. —Reuter.

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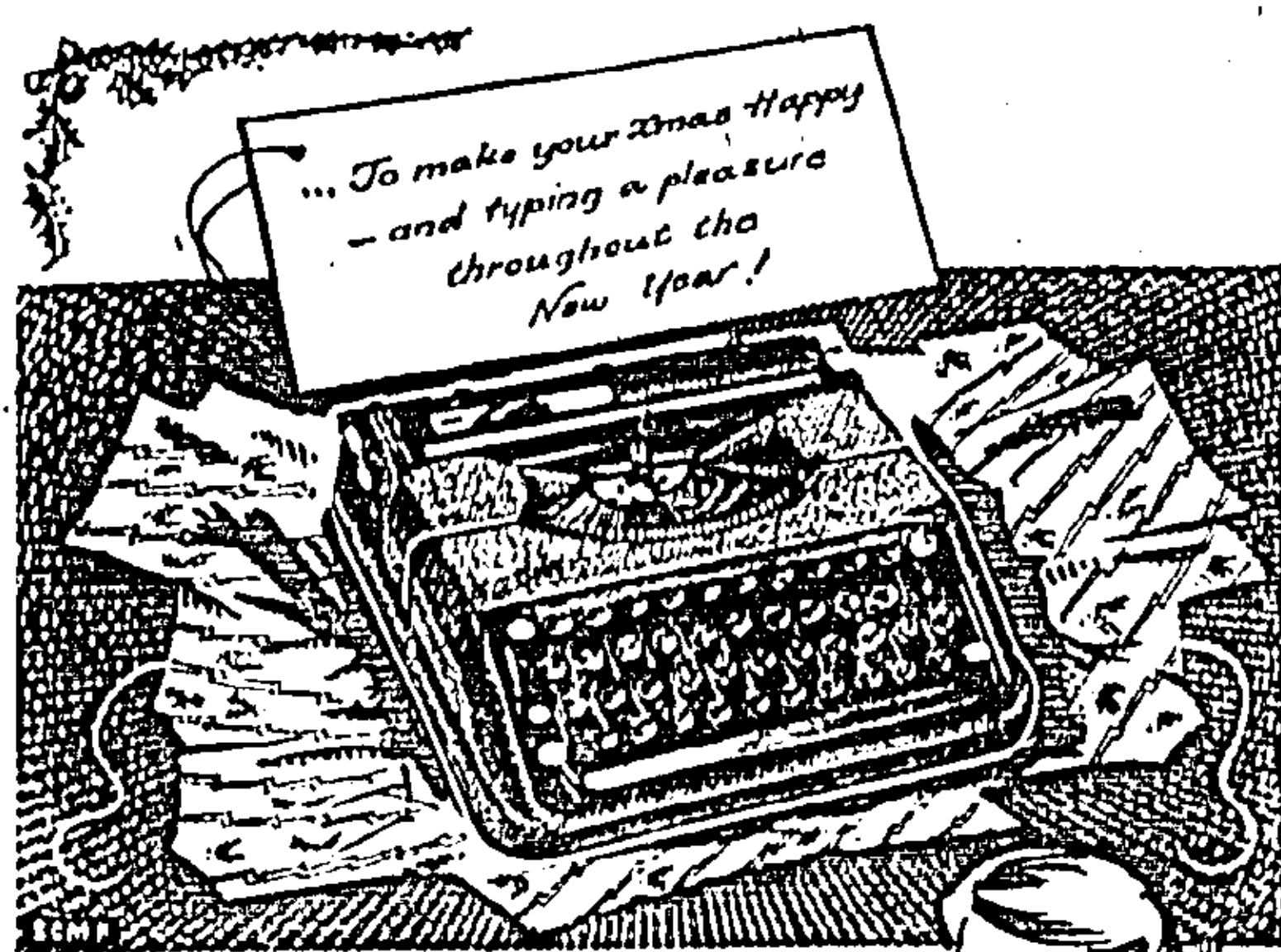






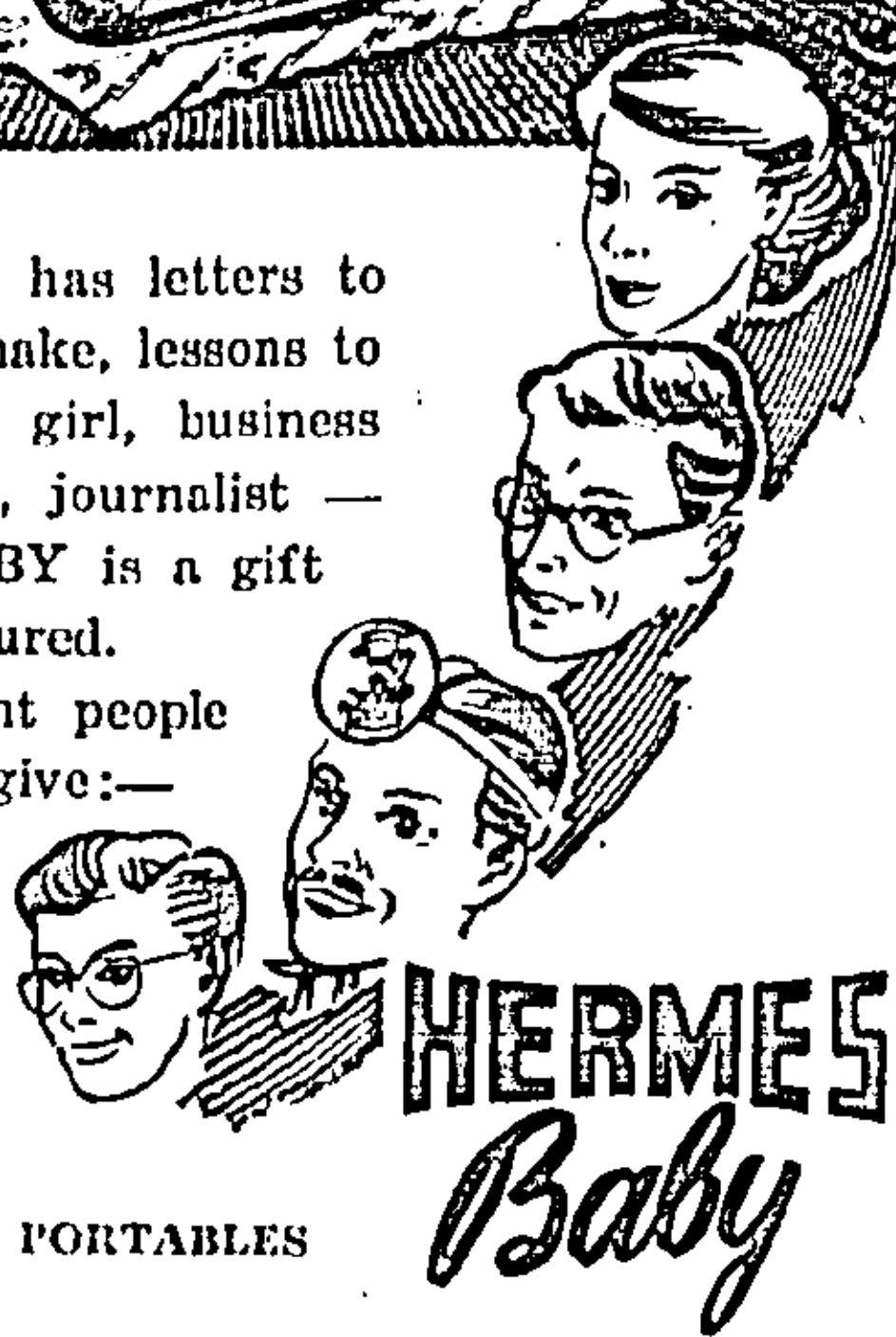






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# GERMANY IS ON HER FEET AGAIN

By ALEX. M. CASSELS

**A** PATHETIC, solitary figure picking through the snow to the debris beneath; gigantic ice-floes hurtling down the swiftly-flowing Rhine; black - marketeers awaiting on the Schadowstrasse the Church Army Canteen's closing time; emaciated children begging soldiers to bring them something to eat; everywhere material and moral desolation.

That was Dusseldorf — and Germany — as I saw it in February 1947.

Later I was to stand on the Rhine embankment in Cologne and witness a pathetic side of black-marketing.

Groups of women awaited the coming of little boats to take them to Dutch barges riding at anchor. There they bartered for coffee, anything from their home that was still precious.

In the shadows policemen lurked, ready on their return to pounce upon them and confiscate whatever they had.

## No wonder

No wonder that it was said in those days that if a German family could not have a British soldier for a friend, the next best acquaintance to have was a German policeman!

On one occasion I travelled ten miles into Cologne standing precariously on the running-board of a railway train and considering myself fortunate. Passengers were seated astride the buffers; others were clustered in groups on the roofs of carriages; still others were picking up dry maize bread on the coal-laden tenders of the two engines.

Travel was open to all who could produce any official-looking document in English. A Glasgow student doing post-graduate work in Munster told me in the spring of 1949 that he had just travelled from Hamm to Frankfurt and back without any difficulty by showing to German ticket-collectors and inspectors his Glasgow University matriculation card. Money meant nothing. Farmers were reputed to be hoarding. Yet eggs, potatoes, bacon, milk, flour, were all to be had for shoe-laces, boot-polish, reels of thread, socks, soap, cocoa, tea, coffee, cigarettes — for almost anything sold by NAAFI.

## Black market

One can still obtain eight Deutschmarks (almost 24 Shillings) for a pound of coffee. Otherwise the black market is dead. Sanity has returned to life in Germany.

Now the tables are turned. British families and British troops, tired at times of their NAAFI rations, frequent when their purses allow it, German hotels and restaurants.

Germany's recovery began, it has been rightly claimed, when in June 1948 the old Reichsmarks ceased to be legal tender. All who had more than 300 Reichsmarks were issued with

thirty Deutschmarks in exchange. With this sum in his pocket every German started from scratch.

What frantic — but for the most part unavailing — efforts were made by black-marketeers and others with a super-abundance of Reichsmarks to convert their money into goods of any sort whatever.

There was an immediate revolution in people's attitude towards work. Hitherto employment, except with the occupying forces, who paid largely in kind, had been shunned as unremunerative. Now to find work became the be-all and end-all of existence.

Almost thirty months have passed, and the inequalities of fate and fortune have had time to reveal themselves.

## More pittance

Well-to-do businessmen are driving around in their superb cars. Those who have had steady employment are beginning to refurbish their homes. The unemployed are eking out a mere existence on a pittance of a dole, tantalised by the abundance of good things in shop windows.

But there were other factors contributing to Germany's recovery.

It was a fortunate coincidence, for instance, that during the autumn and early winter following the financial reform thousands of prisoners of war returned.

I used to see them arrive at the Cromwell Barracks, in Munster in slogan-bespattered trains in the late afternoons. Next morning there were touchings of human reunion scenes. Within a week they were repairing their own and their neighbours' scarred homes.

The German people delight in making the most of great occasions, and two I remember might be taken as symbolic.

Mine was the privilege of being in Cologne when the seven hundredth anniversary of the Cathedral's foundation was celebrated.

## All restored

A year before, all that remained of the Domplatz and the neighbouring streets was a pathway through the debris. But for the big occasion, the streets were restored, tramways were running, and the Cathedral itself was restored from the damage it had received from blast.

I looked at the floodlit Cathedral from across the Rhine. Traffic moved once more over the brilliantly lighted, newly-restored Suspension Bridge, and over the recently-raised Hohenzollern Bridge trains ran again. I knew where the ruined city lay, but only beauty was illumined around the Cathedral.

So it was again in Munster. The ruins there were a byword. Army drivers often lost their way among them.

On October 24, 1948, I shared in the celebrations marking the three hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Westphalia that brought the Thirty Years' War to an end.

The streets and squares adjoining the Munster Rathaus had been cleared and throngs crowded them and brass bands

played. The ribbed and ruined spires of the ancient Gothic churches glowed with multi-coloured, phosphorescent light. One could see the iron cages in the Lambert Church tower, where in 1636 the bodies of John of Leyden, the Dutch Anabaptist fanatic, and his two companions were exposed. I forgot what the visiting burgomasters of neighbouring cities said in their speeches. But one word was longingly, wistfully uttered, echoed and re-echoed: "Frieden" — Peace.

## FLIGHT-LIEUT. JOHN DRIVER, D.F.C., FLIES HOME TO TELL HIS OWN STORY OF CAPTIVITY

# 81 Days — of vodka and chess

**HOME AGAIN** in Churchfields Road, Beckenham, are 38-year-old Flight-Lieutenant John William Driver, D.F.C., after 81 days in a Russian jail, and his wife Joy, the 24-year-old girl who would not consider the Soviet headquarters terms for his release. The two were treated like V.I.P.s at Harwich. Customs officials went to their cabin in the B.A.O.R. troopship Empire Parkstone. Senior officers of Movement Control took them to breakfast while papers were being cleared. At Liverpool Street an Air Ministry car waited to take them to Beckenham. And those 81 days? Here is the flight-lieutenant's own account of them.....

as told to  
**GEORGE JOYCE**

**T**HERE is one Russian word that I never want to see again. The word is.....

## Дипломатической

.....pronounced diplomata-teachers-coy.....and it means "diplomatic."

For more than 11 weeks that was the only reason the Russians ever gave for holding me as a hostage.

At times the word haunted me. When I tried to quiz my guards there was silence in the room. They would talk among themselves in Russian, and then one would hand me a glass of vodka.

There was one fellow — I nicknamed him "the woolly bear" — who would slap me on the back....he became friendly only when I was moody....and that was his way of chal-

lenging me to a game of chess. His way of telling me to be more tactful than to ask questions. At the end of the game, more vodka.

Eighty-one days of chess and vodka, and it was not until I was handed over to the British in Berlin that I was told I had been....a diplomatic pawn.

I had no idea that I had crashed in the Russian zone — not until Russian infantrymen scrambled out of the back of a truck and surrounded me.

I was taken to Ludwigslust and quartered with six Russian officers in a large house. The radio was taken away. No newspapers were allowed.

For four days I was under suspicion. An interpreter kept close on my heels everywhere I went. He walked from room to room with me.

I had my meals with the officers. The food was good, but I managed to persuade them that an Englishman could not eat black bread. From then on there was always white bread on the table.

## Vodka again

**T**HEY interrogated me — asking me many questions about why I crashed on their territory — it was done pleasantly, but they seemed to doubt my story.

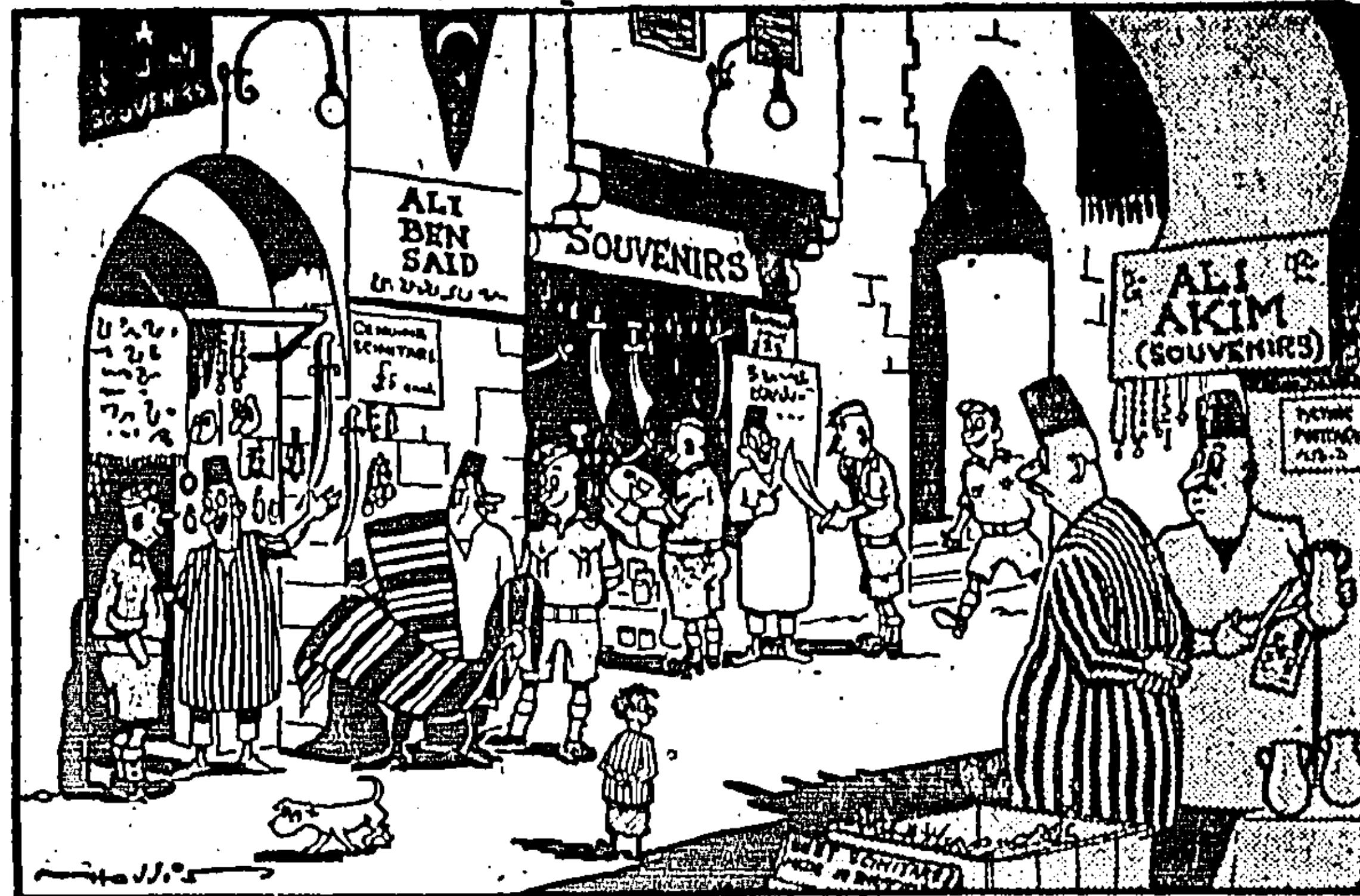
Gradually they softened up...the so-called interpreter was replaced by a woman. Then the chess board was given to me. The Russians taught me to play. The vodka flowed when I won.

On September 20 the Russians played their meanest trick. A Mercedes-Benz limousine stopped outside the house. The officers got very excited. They made me understand that I was going to Berlin. We celebrated. I drank their vodka. I hated it.

But the car stopped in Potsdam....another Russian headquarters....This time I was confined to one room.

I could walk in the garden only under escort. More guards and no one who spoke English.

Why had I been moved? They just shrugged their shoulders and ignored me. More chess, but no more vodka....instead they gave me brandy. I went outside the house only twice....each time under guard....each time to



"If we insist on British troops leaving Egypt, who's going to buy all this junk?"



—In the firelight glow at the Beckenham home of Mrs Driver's parents.

was to be. The Russians have nothing to show for keeping me all these weeks. I had no military secrets to offer. And the only souvenir I brought back was purple woollen underwear.

Now Joy and I are returning to our cottage in Minchin-hampton, on the Cotswolds. I have 14 days to forget my Russian "holiday."

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## Santa To Forgotten Children

From NEWELL ROGERS NEW YORK.

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**BOOM:** Free-enterprise industry plans its greatest expansion in history during the first quarter of 1951. Non-Government investments in new factories, machinery, and other

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MARQUIS CHILDS cables on the ATTLEE-TRUMAN talks

# WHY SOME Americans don't understand us

## MARQUIS CHILDS

is an American historian and columnist with an international reputation.

His writings appear daily in 150 newspapers across the United States.

NEVER before has it been so vitally important for the Americans and British to stand together. Most Americans understand that. It is why they have followed with such intense interest the Truman-Attlee talks in Washington.

The man in the street here in America has unfortunately not been told enough about what is actually happening in Korea and in the rest of Asia. Therefore he is worried and somewhat bewildered.

He has seen the ominous word "Dunkirk" in the headlines. This was the result of irresponsible politicians and a section of the Press that has oversensationalised the news out of Korea.

## Deep Roots

Above all, the fear of average Americans has been that the American forces in Korea would be destroyed by the Communist Chinese offensive.

Because of this fear the average citizen has been deeply concerned about the role Britain would take. This is the reason why the traditional anti-British feeling in this country has been accentuated in the present crisis.

That anti-British feeling has deep roots. Parts of its origin is in the racial backgrounds of the American people with the Irish-Americans dominant in many metropolitan areas.

The Hearst and McCormick-Patterson Press have exploited this feeling also coincides with the



Here is Mr. Attlee with General George Marshall, Defence Secretary of the United States, at a Washington luncheon. Here also, for the memory, is a cigar.

The average American also has a strong feeling that other United Nations should be doing more to prosecute the war in Korea. This may seem unreasonable to nations that have difficult commitments such as the British in Malaya and the French in Indo-China.

But it is nevertheless an important factor in opinion at the present, when more than 80 percent of the United Nations Force is made up of American soldiers and marines.

In spite of all these cross-currents of fear and suspicion, I believe that most Americans appreciate the danger of America standing alone and realise the importance of keeping Britain as an ally.

## The Handicap

My own view is that leadership here has failed to give a sufficiently clear picture of the variety of commitments shared by the free nations throughout Asia and Europe.

This has been the handicap in presenting the Truman-Attlee talks in their proper setting of two partners sitting down to

Another contributory reason for the real deterioration in relations between the two peoples has been the failure of our Government leaders to meet for more than five years.

In these perilous times ordinary diplomatic channels are simply not sufficient to keep a working partnership alive in the minds of both the Americans and the British.

Now it is no use blinking at the fact that much remains to be done still to check deterioration.

The communiqué issued in the Truman-Attlee talks left one major issue unresolved. That is the differing attitude of the two countries on Communist China.

Britain has recognised the Government in Peking and wants Communist China to replace Nationalist China in the United Nations.

This is hard for the average American to understand. He has the increasingly bitter feeling that American troops have taken a bad licking. That licking has been administered by the fanatical Communist Chinese.

## To Get Even

So the American wants to get even. He wants to hit back. This partly explains the deluge of telegrams to the White House calling for the use of the atomic bomb.

Angry and resentful Americans will find it hard to understand why Britain does not want to go along at least with a limited war of reprisal against Communist China.

This is emotionalism which is likely to grow if the withdrawal from Korea becomes inevitable. To the average Briton it may appear that the Americans are trying to atone for loss in a small war by becoming involved in a big war, which is the way it appears to many calm-minded Americans.

The hope is that emotionalism can be restrained so that American action taken against the Communist Chinese can be not merely limited but indirect.

Another factor entering here is the hero-worship of General MacArthur, which is particu-

larly true of the worshippers have seized on reports that British diplomatic sources had urged caution on the United Nations' commander prior to the start of his fateful offensive.

They interpret this to mean that British caution prevented MacArthur from taking steps which might have blasted the concentrations of Communist Chinese in Manchuria and North Korea.

This, of course, is wide of the truth, since MacArthur had a free hand to carry out a very broad general directive from the United Nations. Nevertheless it contributes to the feeling of the moment.

## Two Doubts

The hope of responsible American leaders is that the worst of the crisis has now passed. They look for a calmer attitude on the part of Americans if defensive positions can be stabilised in Korea.

Then they hope it will be possible to effect further reconciliation of British and American points of view on China.

The reaction on the whole to Mr. Attlee's visit seems to me to have been good. He made a favourable impression with his Press club speech in which he refuted two doubts systematically fanned in the anti-British Press:

1. "APPEASEMENT";
2. THE BRITISH ATTITUDE TOWARD MACARTHUR.

But there is no doubt of the long way to go in bringing the average American to a better understanding of the position of Britain and the vital importance of unity between the two countries.

## Road Ahead

When General Eisenhower is appointed Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Forces, it will be a big contribution to American appreciation of Western Europe, since Eisenhower is both a soldier and a diplomat who will impress upon America the vital nature of his role as head of the Western Forces.

In this hour of uncertainty no doubt Mr. Attlee's visit has contributed much. But it would be a deception to deny that the road ahead will be difficult for the two Allies, with some Americans deliberately trying to confuse the average citizen and make him believe that America can go to it alone without regard to the hopes and fears of the

# JOE FRIDAY HAS SPOKEN

By MacKenzie Porter

FROM Wakimoko and Chiniguchi, from Donnemaga, Mesomkenda and other places whose names fall like a haunting melody on the ear the Red Indians have journeyed on a special mission to the northern Ontario township of Tomagami, which is located among the legendary lakes and forests of Hiawatha's youth.

There are no feathers in their raven hair, no tomahawks in their hands, but below their tartan shirts and denim jeans they still wear moccasins and walk with the traditional stealthy tread of their race. Hurons, Crees, Algonquins, they come to turn the white man's thoughts away for a little while from the problems of world politics and the conflict in Korea. There is a peaceful mission.

## Wolf Packs

The wolf packs up here in this part of Canada are more numerous today than ever before in living memory, and they are bringing down so many deer that in his selfishness the white man has thought only of his autumn sport. In the Ontario Provincial Parliament buildings in Toronto, 500 miles to the south, the Department of Lands and Forests is planning to limit deer hunting this year to two weeks, to offset the loss from wolves.

That is all very well for the holidaymaker hunter from the city, who wishes for nothing more than a fine stag's head to hang over his mantelpiece. But to the Indians, who depend for their winter meat on the succulent doe and buck, the decision would mean hunger. So the young men left their squaws and papooses and came in canoes (now made of aluminium instead of birchbark) to hear the words of lean, wise-eyed Joe Friday, chairman of the amalgamated Indian tribes of Ontario.

Fifty-six-year-old Joe Friday comes from Bear Island, 25 miles west of Tomagami. He wears a battered trilby hat and smokes cigars—habits he has picked up from the paleface Canadians and Americans whom he guides after deer each year through the Red Cedar, Humber, Stone and Jumping Caribou country. But in his love for the bush and in the forms of speech which he used he has changed little from his ancestors.

## Tumbled Mass

Of the wolves and deer Joe speaks to his red brethren thus: "When I was a little boy there was an area of wind-fallen trees about three miles square. It had killed the trees and they lay in a tumbled mass stretching in all directions. A few years later there was a forest fire, which swept through the windfalls. Then there was only one black plain."

## Another Growl

"We must hunt on into December," says Joe. "That is when the deer are fattest. It is then that the ice forms, and in the ice we can preserve our meat through January, February and March, for we have no refrigerators like the white man. Meat killed earlier than December we cannot keep."

There is another growl of ascent from the Indians. "We ask the Government to set a limit on deer killed during December," Joe Friday goes on. "The Indians promise to take no more than their lawful bag. There will be plenty of deer for the white man's sport and the Indians' needs. The wolves and the deer have been here for thousands of years. The Indians must live off the deer and so must the wolves. The plan of Nature takes care of us all."

Joe knows the laws of Nature—none better—and so he is well-guited to give counsel on her eternal economics.

Having heard him, the Indians sign a petition, which is signalled by the white man's telegraph wires to a turreted granite building in Toronto, which is shaken day and night by the roar of the white man's traffic.

Tomorrow a dapper little clerk who worries about atom bombs, and who keeps his weight down by golfing on Sundays, will hand the message to the Minister of Lands and Forests, saying: "Joe Friday has spoken."

# UGANDA TAKES A BOLD LEAD

By A. C. DUFFIELD

TO Uganda today goes the credit and the honour of being the first country in the British Commonwealth to show courage and imagination in tackling the cost-of-living problem.

The Uganda Government has announced that they have—

Abolished Customs duty on petrol, kerosene, and many articles of clothing;

Halved the duty on blankets and khaki drill; and

Abolished the Excise duty on tea.

This means quite a lot to Uganda's 5,300,000 population. The retail price of petrol is thus reduced by 6d. a gallon, kerosene by 3d. and tea by 2d. a pound.

Uganda, like the rest of the world, has been suffering from continually rising prices. The people have had to face an increase of more than 20 percent since 1940 in the general price of imported goods, while salaries and wages have remained unchanged.

Comparatively few Africans are regularly employed as wage earners. The great majority are small farmers or cattle owners.

Their needs are simple. They are farmers, for all intents

a pair of shorts and shirt, and a blanket or two for bedding.

Thus it will be seen that the Uganda Government has done something for the masses to reduce their cost of living in those things of vital importance to them.

The rising cost of living has impelled both European and Asian civil servants to demand from the Government the introduction of cost of living allowances, but, if granted, commercial and industrial employees would demand increased wages. The inevitable result would be a further rise in prices.

The Government decided to tackle the cost of living by bringing down prices of essential imports. This will mean a saving to transport operators and industries of £250,000 a year. Indirectly it will benefit others by reduced transport charges.

All races will be helped by the reduced cost of tea, clothing and blankets, but Africans will reap most profit by the lowered prices.

Local retailers, mostly Asians, have been making exorbitant profits on consumer goods, so the Government will issue lists of what are considered fair prices for all housewives' requirements.

This should lead to competition and reduced cost of these articles not covered by Customs concessions.

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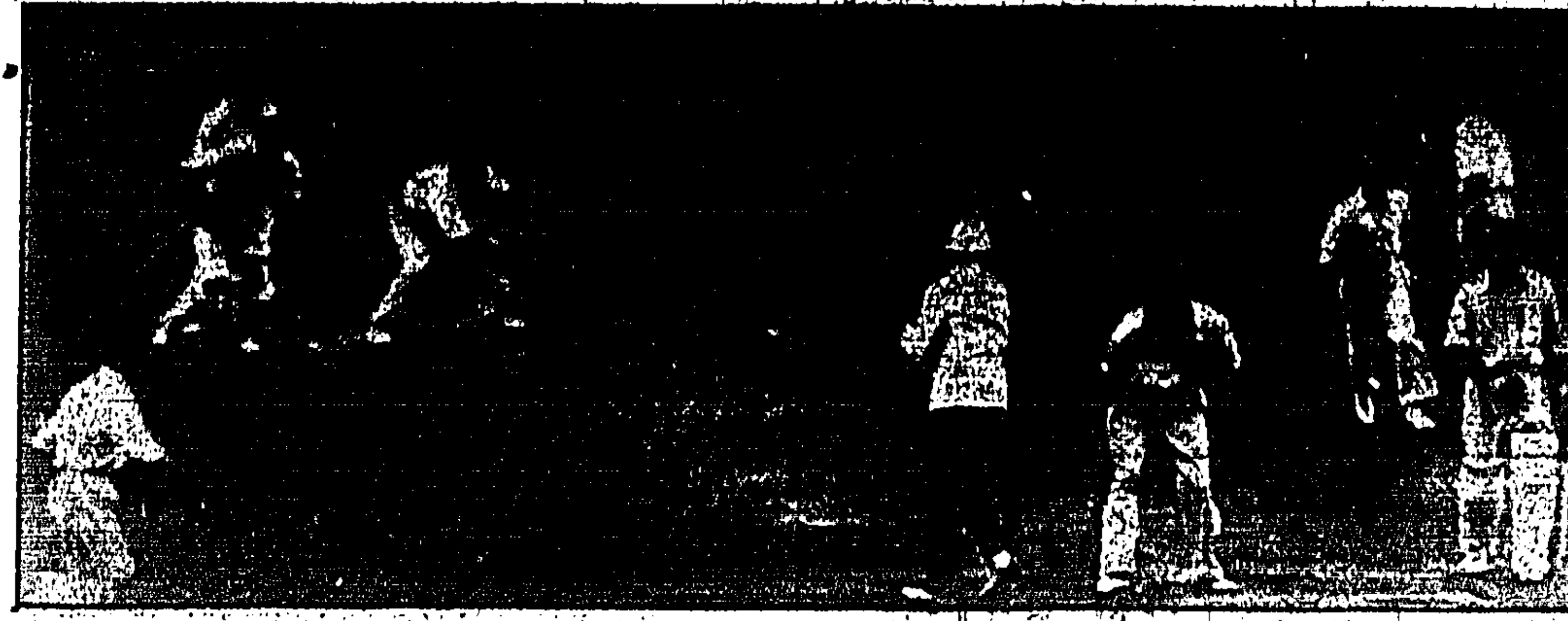
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## Not Enough Attention Is Being Paid To The Laws Of Pitching

Judging from the number of illegal pitches declared by umpires during last week's games, it is quite obvious that not enough attention is being paid to this important department of the sport, particularly as the penalty imposed on an irregular pitch may have damaging effects on the result of the game.

Most of the faults are unintentional and are mainly due to carelessness or ignorance of the Pitching Rule as laid down in the Book, and a great deal of misunderstanding on the field, from both the players' and spectators' viewpoints, can be saved through a careful study of the simple provisions for a legal pitch.

Spectators have often expressed surprise at the fuss about a technical point, while on the other hand there are devout adherents to the rules who notice even the slightest deviation. If it is only realised that rules are made to prevent players from taking undue advantage of others, then the rigid enforcement of rules will be understood.

The question of the legality of a pitch has always been a source of queries and this is exemplified by the receipt of a letter from an ardent fan pointing out some of the infringements which were apparently unnoticed.

### LETTER OF THE LAW

The alleged fault seems to be that there is a sudden break in the follow through as well as delivering the ball with the arm more than a distance of six inches from the side of the body, and since our anonymous correspondent has requested clarification of the Pitching Rule, we quote Rule 9, Sec. 4: "A legal delivery shall be a ball delivered to the batter underhand and with a follow through of the hand and wrist past the straight line of the body before the ball is released, and in the final delivery, the hand shall be below the hip, and wrist not farther from the body than the elbow."

There is no specified distance of the hand from the body provided the wrist is not farther from the body than the elbow, but it definitely states that there must be a follow through past the body, and there can be no deviation from the ruling. Umpires are well aware of the conditions of a legal pitch and must declare a pitch "illegal" if it does not conform with the rule.

Following up the lead provided by our friend, I consulted the team manager concerned and we paid careful attention to some of the deliveries made by the player in question, and there appears to be a slight trace of irregularity which is more accidental than intentional, but now that the fault has been pointed, there will be no excuse for a recurrence.

### COULD BE IMPROVED

Compared to local fielding and batting standards, it must be admitted that our pitching can be improved, and it is with a view to acquiring more speed that slappers experiment with different techniques, with the result that minor infringements are introduced into the pitch without their being aware of them and these are pointed out by an observer.

An illegal pitch is definitely disadvantageous to the batter, and if declared so, the fielding side is penalised according to the rules laid down. In a game, the most alert observers are naturally the umpires, and here is the big question. Should an umpire tell the pitcher where he went wrong?

There was at least one instance in recent weeks when a well-meaning umpire did point out the fault of the pitcher when the irregularity was repeated, and this, of course met with the usual howl of protest from the other team for they felt that they were deprived of the benefit of exacting further penalties.

The rules governing the duties of an umpire have been carefully scrutinised but they are silent on this point, except that umpires are empowered to order any player to omit to do an act when in their judgment it is necessary to do so to give force and effect to the rules. In this respect, we concur with the action of the umpire, but things could be so much simpler if pitchers would only study the rules carefully.

MR. CHIEF'S RULINGS Investigating further, the occasional rulings of George Dickstein, Umpire in Chief of the universal governing body, were referred to, and we find that he advocates periodical

pitcher if he is doubtful of his delivery may display his special style before a jury of umpires for their okay or otherwise.

Some illegal pitches are committed through carelessness, some intentional, but the majority through ignorance. So much attention is concentrated on striking out the batter that the heavy penalty on an illegal pitch is often lost sight of, and

we need only mention that an important game in the Senior League playoff last year was decided on an illegal pitch when the fielding team allowed the winning run to be scored from third base when the pitcher balked in the delivery. The only advice we can give to an enthusiastic hurler is to study the rules before getting out on the field.

### John Macadam's Column

## BRAID'S OAK WILL TELL IT ALL

Jimmy Braid's deid .... They'll be saying that in every golf clubhouse in the land from the North to the South-West, but there are very few of them who would ever have thought of calling him "Jimmy" to his face.

The ennobled oak quality of the 80-year-old golfing boyen tacitly forbade familiarity and demanded respect, so that the "Mister" you used in addressing him was a title, a tribute.

Even the "James" of the higher officials of the game was an accolade for the very old and pariait knight of the fairway.

They can do anything they like about him now, make all the tributes to him they care, establish tournaments and cups and trophies, but there is a monument out at Romford, Essex, that has stood at the approach to the eighth green for nigh on 50 years.

It is an old tree stump, and they call it Braid's Oak. It was a fine tree once till it was blasted by lightning. The committee of the day decided to remove it, but the thirty-ish, raw Fifehire professional said "No!" and the committee accepted "No!"

They ringed the blasted stump with iron to preserve it, and now they will probably put a plaque on Braid's Oak and make it a lasting, treasured memorial to the greatest golfing figure of three generations.

James Braid went to Romford from his native Fifehire and spent eight years there before he took over his 47-year reign at Walton Heath. He started working life canily enough in Elko as a joiner, and came into golf as a club-maker.

Until he died following an internal operation in a London nursing home, he had done everything that a golfer could do.

He was probably the wealthiest golfer in the game, for his business friends advised him well about investments.

He won the Open championship five times, and until last February 9 held his record of always beating his age in a birthday round at the Heath. The record went with an 11 on his 80th birthday. That

thought that the grand old man was invincible. He holed in one 18 times, and he was such a stickler for golf etiquette that even he got crotchety with an enthusiast who picked out of the tin on the 15th occasion. "Never, never interfere with the ball!" he said.

### R. & A. MEMBER

He was the first professional to be elected honorary member of his own club. With Willie Auchterlonie and J. H. Taylor, he was the first professional to become member of the Royal and Ancient Club.

He was one of the first professionals to teach the Duke of Windsor (when he was Prince of Wales), and statesmen and business magnates all came along to consult the Scottish oracle with the Gollith frame the walrus moustache, the miraculous faculty for getting in and out of the rough, and the punching drive.

Last time I saw him was when I walked round Muirfield with him two years ago, and in eight holes and a couple of drinks I learned more about golf than ever before or since.

Mostly in response to questions which he answered with that "Aye" of his that could mean anything, everything.

Well, there's only that oak stump left now, and a lot of memories....

Gregor McIntosh, now at Ringway was with him at the Heath as assistant, "Assistant," says Gregor. "A son, rather."

They all pay tribute—J. H. Taylor, Commander Roe, Secretary of the RGA, Charles Whitcombe, Fred Robson. None can say more than that simple "A son."

"The first time was at Muirfield in 1901, and when he had done it he left the train, crossed the field and handed the Cup to his mother with a grin. "Put that on the mantelpiece."

(London Express Service)

### Rugger Results

London, Dec. 20.

The following were the results of Rugby Union County Championships played today:

Gloucestershire, 19-10, beat Hampshire, 10-10.

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S.S. "CARTHAGE"	30th February	15th March
Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.		
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S.S. "CORFU"	19th January	19th February
S.S. "CANTON"	10th February	10th March
S.S. "CHUAN"	24th February	22nd March
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"TJIPANAS"	25th Jan. '51	14th Feb. '51
"TJIBADAK"	1st Feb. '51	

JAPAN	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"TJIPANAS"	6th Jan. '51	25th Jan. '51
"BOISSEVAIN"	12th Feb. '51	21st Jan. '51

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"MELISKERK"	Mid Jan. '51	

JAPAN	ARRIVALS	SAILINGS
"LANGLESCOT"	22nd Dec.	
"MARIEKERK"	7th Jan. '51	Mid Jan. '51
"MELISKERK"	9th Feb. '51	

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## Pandemonium On Cotton Market

New York, Dec. 20. Pandemonium broke loose in the cotton market right after a steady opening.

Prices reeled up and down over a range of nearly \$8 a bale in old crop months as traders tried to fathom the effects of the Government's request for a voluntary price freeze at the Dec. 1 level. Traders described the excitement as the greatest in the month. Fluctuations between sales ranged up to 20 points.

Cause of the confusion was the inability of traders to decide whether the price freeze request applied directly to raw cotton or on manufactured cotton goods. The action came unexpectedly since traders had come to the conclusion after Mr. Truman's message last week that the price ceiling might be postponed possibly for 30 days more, until an organization is created to enforce the mandatory controls.

The market opened unchanged to up 20 points. It weakened immediately, dropping 105 to 155 points, then rallied irregularly to close 42 lower to 40 higher. New crop months showed relative firmness finally. Prices closed today as follows:

Spot	Dec. 20
March (1951)	42.35-42.37
May	42.03-42.07
July	41.63
October	39.25
December	39.04
March (1952)	38.90 bid
May	38.60 bid

—United Press.

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### GRAY GOODS

New York, Dec. 20. Sellers in the cotton gray goods trade maintained a withdrawn position in face of heavy inquiry for practically all constructions.—United Press.

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## Union Officials Demand US Price & Rent Controls

Washington, Dec. 20. Top union officials told President Truman today that food prices and rents must be controlled effectively before any move is made to stabilize wages.

These officials said compensatory wage increases must be permitted as long as food prices and rents are subject to sharp and drastic increases, because these two items together represent 53 percent of the average family's living costs.

Furthermore, they said, wage stabilization must not become wage freezing.

The union chiefs, headed by CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green, in a statement issued after a 40-minute conference with President Truman, also:

(1) Called for an independent wage stabilization board whose decisions would not be subject to review by the Economic Stabilization Agency; (2) demanded that Government policy recognize existing collective bargaining agreements which contain cost of living escalator clauses, or face the threat of industrial unrest;

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(3) urged prompt amendment of the Defense Production Act of 1950, so that food prices and rents may be controlled effectively. The union officials said the Act, which authorizes price controls, does not provide rent controls, which are handled in separate legislation, and permits food price increases. They said the present prohibitions upon control of food prices and rents are an effective barrier to any system of price or wage controls, and an elimination of these prohibitions is a preliminary to any workable stabilization action.

The officials did not reveal Mr. Truman's reaction to their proposals, but said they were issuing their statement with the President's permission.

The union chiefs met with Mr. Truman as the Wage Stabilization Board opened a hearing with union and management representatives of the automobile industry to work out problems stemming from the price rollback ordered for that industry.—United Press.

### RENT CONTROLS

Washington, Dec. 20. President Truman today signed legislation extending rent controls to March 31 next.

The 90-day extension was voted by Congress at his request to give the incoming Congress time to review the national housing picture in the light of changed conditions created by the defence emergency. Without the stop-gap extension rent controls would have ended on Dec. 31 except in communities taking special action to retain them until June 30.—Reuter.

## US ACTION AGAINST HOARDERS

Washington, Dec. 20. The National Production Administration assumed Congress today it will get after the business firms hoarding scarce metals, "making them disgorge what they have."

Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer thought it was a mistake to say a tremendous amount of hoarding was going on, but some business firms were hoarding excessive inventories.

William H. Harrison, NPA Administrator, said NPA had issued orders regarding inventory of steel, copper, zinc and other materials, but the full effect would not be realized until the first quarter of next year.

"He contended there had been a serious dislocation in supplies during the past few months. Under the Defense Production Act, NPA can control inventories. Persons found guilty of violating its regulations are subject to a \$10,000 fine and a year in prison.—Associated Press.

## Stockpiling Of Silver

London, Dec. 20. The continued European stockpiling of silver, bullion was seen as a feature of the bullion market in November.

The United Kingdom trade returns for that month showed total exports of silver bullion amounting to 1,580,000 fine ounces. About 1,300,000 went to European industrial countries with no obvious interest in any monetary use for the metal. "An exception might be made for the Netherlands, which took 414,000 ounces, Sweden took 324,000 and France took 317,000. The

## Wall Street Meets Seller Resistance

New York, Dec. 20. The stock market managed to carry its current rally through four straight sessions today after a sharp encounter with selling forces.

Only a feeble rally in late trading prevented the market from slipping downward for the first time since President Truman put the nation on an emergency mobilization basis. Confusion over the voluntary price freeze and new war tension brought sellers out in full force and the result was a scramble of gains and losses ranging from a few cents to around \$1.50 a share.

Transfers were 3,500,000. Among the gainers were General Cable, Northern Pacific and Ohio, Budd Company, J. I. Case, Zenith Radio, Warner Petroleum, Transworld Airlines, Stumblers included American Woolen, Caterpillar, Tractor, United Aircraft.

Dow Jones averages: 85.09  
Stocks 231.20  
20 Industrials 231.20  
15 Rails 77.74  
10 Utilities 38.97

—Associated Press.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$70,120. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

Share	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank	1200	1240	
INSURANCES			
DOCKS, ETC.	600	630	
K. Wharf			
Dock	12 1/4	00	
Shah Dock	20	3 1/4	
Wharfedock	20	3 1/4	
LAND, ETC.			
SAVAL	1.35		
UTILITIES			
C. Light (O)	6	2 1/4	
Electric			
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement			
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro			

## American Trade With Spain

Madrid, Dec. 20. Foreign Commerce officials on Tuesday said that the United States will continue to be Spain's major trading partner in both imports and exports.

In a report on the month of September officials said that the United States sent Spain 12,500,000 pesos worth of goods and imported from Spain 8,400,000. Spain, Egypt and Argentina followed in order of exporting volume to Spain and Western Germany, France and England were runners-up in imports from Spain. In overall foreign trade during September, 95,800,000 pesos worth of goods were imported and 84,300,000 pesos worth of goods exported. These compared respectively with September 1949 totals of 99,700,000 and 85,300,000.—United Press.

## SYRIA-LEBANON AGREEMENT

Beirut, Dec. 20. Syria and the Lebanon have agreed to a free exchange of agricultural products from today.

This is the first such agreement between the two countries since Syria denounced the Customs Union with the Lebanon last April. Negotiations for extending the agreement to other commodities are to start on Jan. 4.—Reuter.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local monetary exchange market this morning at the following rates: Sterling note (per 100) 124.5 U.S. dollars (per 100) 124.5 Indonesian dollars (per 100) 4.20 Singapore dollars (per 100) 4.20 SIO dollars (per 100) 4.20

## Seeds And Oils

New York, Dec. 20. Prices in the seeds and oils market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions: Soybean oil (per 100) 24.00 bid/24.00 asked. —United Press.

## Downward Trend In Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 20. Grain prices steadied after a rocky opening. The market was plagued by the threat of pending price control measures and encountered limited hedge selling and a few realising sales.

Soybeans and rye futures led the general downward trend and before rallies brought the market up, prices were off 3 to more than 4 cents.

Corn closed 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, oats were 1/8 lower to 3/8 higher, rye 1/4 lower to 2 higher, and soybeans 1/4 to 1 1/4 lower. Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	Dec. 20
December	2.41
March (1951)	2.47
May	2.45-1/2-2.46
July	2.40-1/2-2.41
Corn	
Spot	1.74-1/2
December	1.71-1.71-1/4
March (1951)	1.70-1/4-1/2
May	1.70-1/4-1/2
July	1.70-1/4-1/2
Oats	
December	35-1/2
March (1951)	35 asked
NEW YORK FLOUR—per 200 lb. sack	\$13.20

—United Press.

## QUIET IN NY RUBBER MARKET

New York, Dec. 20. Rubber futures closed today unchanged to 50 points higher with sales totalling 27 contracts. Activity remained on the quiet side in both futures and the spot market while the trade awaited Washington developments on import and other controls. The pre-holiday spirit helped to curtail interest.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot	Dec. 20
December	37.00 bid
March (1951)	34.00 traded
May	30.00 bid
July	27.00 bid

### LONDON MARKET

Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:—

No. 1 rubber (in cents per lb.)	Dec. 20
February	62-63
March	60-61-51
April/June	58-59-50
July/September	45-46-34
October/December	42 nominal

### SPORE MARKET

Singapore, Dec. 20. Prices in the rubber futures market here closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	Dec. 20
December	172-173
January (1951)	167-168
February	162-163
Number 2 rubber	
December	167-168
Number 3 rubber	
December	162-163
Number 4 rubber	
December	153-154
Spot rubber, unbleached	170-180
Black crepe	132-134
No. 1 pale crepe	180-182

—United Press.

## London Tin Market

London, Dec. 20. Prices of spot tin fell somewhat from Tuesday's record level at today's morning session. Turnover was 80 tons, including 25 tons for spot. Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	Dec. 20
Spot tin, sellers	1270
Business done at	1220-1270
Three-months tin buyers	1315
Three-months tin sellers	1320
Business done at	1250-1315
Settlement	1270

—United Press.

## New York Sugar

New York, Dec. 20. Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed 7 to 8 lower.

Domestic sugar, per lb.	Dec. 20
March	6.65 bid
May	6.75 bid
July	6.71
September	6.73 nominal
World sugar futures No. 4	
closed 3 to 8 lower:	
January	6.40 nominal
March	6.45
May	6.41 bid
July	6.37 nominal
Raw sugar spot	6.37 nominal

—Associated Press.

## New York Metals

New York, Dec. 20. Prices in the metal market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Tin, Grade A (90.00 per cent or higher) New York, per lb. 35.00  
Platinum (per 100) 728.00  
per ounce 7.28  
—United Press.

## NY EXCHANGES

New York, Dec. 20. Closing foreign exchange: Canada 94.00  
Belgium 200.00  
Austria 100.00  
Others unchanged.—Associated Press.

## NY Bank Quotations

New York, Dec. 20. Checking bank quotations: Chase 100.00  
Citibank 100.00  
—Associated Press.

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m.s. "TAKBANG"	Straits & Calcutta	31st Dec.
m.s. "EBANG"	Japan	3rd Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM		
m.s. "TAKBANG"	Tientsin	27th Dec.
m.s. "WINGBANG"	Keelung	30th Dec.
m.s. "EBANG"	Calcutta & Singapore	31st Dec.

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m.v. "HINDUSTAN"	Japan	21st Jan.
m.v. "EASTERN SAGA"	Australian Ports	28th Jan.

SAILINGS TO		
m.s. "BALUCHISTAN"	Fremantle, Hobart, Adelaide & Melbourne	13th Jan.
m.v. "HINDUSTAN"	Manus and Lao (both subject to inducement) thence Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart.	22nd Jan.
m.v. "EASTERN SAGA"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Kobe & Yokohama	1st Feb.

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